

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1879.

**Advertisement**

**Broadway Theatre—The Strategists.**  
**Bethel Theatre—The Indian Slave.**  
**Little Avenue Theatre—H. M. S. Plaudits.**  
**Grand Opera House—The Crooked Tragedian.**  
**Beverly Theatre—The Duley Slave.**  
**Baxter & Bent's Grand Opera Concert.**  
**Silicon Theatre—Romeo and Juliet.**  
**Albion Theatre—The Queen of Gold.**  
**Faith Theatre—Fitz-Jones' Trial.**  
**Standard Theatre—Pomona Total.**  
**San Francisco Minstrels—Hoover and Smith's.**  
**Theatre Comique—Julian Gould's Christmas.**  
**Tony Pastor's Theatre—Variety, Matinee.**  
**Colisee Theatre—French Play.**  
**Wallack's Theatre—Eugenie.**

*Advertisements for THE WEIRY SUN, to be run to-morrow morning, must be handed in this evening before six o'clock.*

**The Fruit of the Huzzahs.**

We have already expressed our unqualified approbation of Democrats doing honor to Gen. Grant for his military services, while we have said, at the same time, that their approbation of his conduct ought to be clearly limited to the period preceding his inauguration as President.

On the very morning when our views on this point were published there appeared a leader in the *New York Times*, the ablest of all the Republican journals, and not an original GRANT paper, giving in to his nomination, and treating it as settled by the tremendous outbursts of popular applause with which he is greeted wherever he goes.

So our Democratic friends will see how they are helping to "do the business," by neglecting to explain and limit their part in hailing to the chief.

After describing Gen. GRANT'S tour around the world, the *Times* says:

"Three months ago he returned to his native soil, and from his entrance in the harbor of San Francisco his progress has been to a man a series of victories, military, and popular demonstrations of welcome, which could be spontaneously evoked by no statesman, or King over any equal area of the earth's surface."

"We are not consulting either for the wisdom of the expectations you make of the course he will take, nor are we arguing in favor of one thing or the other. Many grave exceptions might easily be taken to both. But it must be obvious enough to the most careless observer that it would be as much a waste of time to attempt to stop the incoming tide by argument as it would be to oppose the lessons of history and experience to the movement which is bearing onward, whether upheld by himself, into the position of the only possible candidate of the next Republican National Convention."

Thus it plainly appears that this great public journal, which refuses to approve of the GRANT movement on principle, and concedes that "many grave objections might be taken to it," surrenders to the rising wave of popular clamor—clamor in which numerous Democratic voices have joined.

Democrats will do well hereafter to limit their eulogies on GRANT to his military career.

**The Postal Ring.**

We notice with pleasure that there is a disposition on the part of some of our esteemed Republican contemporaries, and especially on the part of that manly and plain-spoken journal, the *New York Times*, to show up the crookedness of the Postal Ring. They have made a good beginning, and, if they persevere, we doubt not they will coerce Congress into measures which will save the Government many millions of dollars in the future.

No doubt Congress is wholly responsible for the existence of this Ring of corrupt Post Office officials and mail contractors. Indeed the Democratic majority alone may be held, with justice, to be responsible, for it has the power to right the wrong and has failed to do it. The evil of extra allowances, startling examples of which our Republican contemporary has been giving, is not a thing of recent growth. They were considered such monstrous swindles as far back as 1835 that Congress was compelled to apply the pruning knife with unsparenging severity. The pay of every mail contractor who had been a party to this sort of swindling was stopped until Congress could inquire thoroughly into every case. If the present Democratic majority in Congress was animated by any real desire to save the people's money and to reform gross abuses, it would imitate the example of the Twenty-third Congress.

The whole system of administering the star service is wrong. The excuse that has been offered thus far of the wasteful and dishonest squandering of the public money for additional trips and increased speed, is that the Post Office Department cannot always tell what mail facilities new and growing communities may need when the advertisements for the regular lettings are prepared. This may be true in a few instances in the mining regions of the Western Territories; but in the last four or five years there have been but two cases of remarkable growth of population in mining towns, namely at Deadwood and Leadville. Assistant Postmaster-General BRADY brings forward these two towns as examples, and seeks to create the impression that the Department is often scarcely able to give districts like Deadwood and Leadville a sufficient mail service. But if Leadville really requires six daily mails, is that any excuse for additional trips and increased speed on routes like the Virginia in the Indian Territory, where the population changes neither in character nor numbers, save as Indians are brought in from outside reservations?

In the case of Laramie itself there is no reason why the pay of mail contractors should be increased enormously, as we understand. It has been for additional trips and increased speed. To obtain pay for the additional and expedited service the contractor has to satisfy the Department that additional stock is required to enable him to do the work. Now take one case as an example. From Cheyenne to Laramie seven days of coaches are required to accommodate the passenger and express traffic alone. Stage coaching as a business, of course, on that line, irrespective of the usual contract, What justification, therefore, can there be for paying the mail contractor thirty or forty thousand dollars for additional trips and a schedule shortened an hour or two? He does not require another horse, nor even an additional stable boy, because he has to keep the stock to enable him to meet the demands of travellers.

**The Scheme of the Postal Ring.**  
 Assistant Postmaster-General BRADY is a bold rogue. He says that the necessity for \$2,000,000 to enable the Department to meet expenditures beyond the \$3,900,000 appropriated for each year by the last Congress is due to members of Congress who insisted that trips should be added and mails expedited on Ring routes.

It is doubtless true that members of Congress, Democrats as well as Republicans, have been the willing tools of Ring contractors. A good many of them are not

above suspicion, and in times past we know that some very bright and shining lights of the Republican side in both Houses of Congress have been guilty of worse things. But we were not aware before that an executive officer was bound to obey the wishes of members of Congress when they come importuning for the illegal expenditure of public money. A member of Congress is but a private individual when he is not acting in his capacity as a legislator.

But we suspect that there has been a good deal of trading of votes by members of Congress for paltry favors at the hands of corrupt Post Office officials. The Southern States have not for many years had all the mail facilities they are entitled to; and to correct this in some degree the last Congress created about two thousand new post routes, a considerable proportion of which were in the South. This was just the opportunity BRADY was looking for. He knew all the Congressmen who were interested in having service put on these new routes would be besieging the Department for speedy action. He therefore took advantage of this situation to increase the pay enormously on Ring contractors' routes in the West and Southwest. He was, of course, careful that as many members of Congress as possible should recommend this increase. Mail contractors are usually influential men with Congressmen, especially with those through whose districts their routes run. They contribute liberally toward campaign funds, and are always ready to loan money to needy Congressmen.

In the mean time only about twelve hundred of the new post routes were put in operation, and now when the interested Congressman call on BRADY to urge action he blandly informs them that he is willing to serve them, but the appropriation for star service for the present fiscal year will allow him to make new contracts. He has asked Congress to give two millions more, and if this sum is granted before the holiday adjournment, he will have their routes in operation by the beginning of the new year. It is in this way that BRADY and his friends, the Ring contractors, hope to force Congress into voting the two millions.

**The Pledge to Cuba Broken.**

The news from Madrid, although perhaps no surprise to those familiar with the turner of the majority in the Spanish Cortes, is, indeed, a grievous blow to all well-wishers of Cuba. We have thought that the sharp and costly lesson of the late revolution might possibly teach Spain wisdom, and in spite of past experiences we have hoped that the promise given by MARTINEZ CAMPOS might be kept, not broken. But it seems the Conservative politicians repudiate the solemn compact by which their chosen representative secured the recent pacification, and, under the sinister pressure of the slave-owning planters, have consented to dishonor the pledge of a brave soldier and an honest man.

There were doubtless many agencies employed in promoting the collapse of the Cuban insurrection, but the avowable motives, the capital inducements, which seemed to justify the insurgent leaders before public opinion, were the immediate abolition of slavery and sweeping reforms in the fiscal management of the island. These would have been substantial and splendid gains, and even a patriot might be forgiven if, after years of sanguinary and fruitless struggle, he was content to sacrifice the dream of independence to the positive fact of social and financial moderation. It was but ill day in the House; yet few bills of importance were introduced. Mr. BRADY made a proposal that FRITZ JOHN PORTER be restored to the army and paid his salary for the period of his suspension ever since his trial and conviction under President LINCOLN's administration. Mr. WEATHER's financial bill requires that silver certificates be paid out of the Treasury in place of coin when demanded.

The whites of Colorado desire to be rid of the red Utes, who take up a large tract of valuable land as a reservation, and are moreover, troublesome with their Winchester rifles, purchased of Government agents. Half a score of measures affecting them are already before Congress. Now comes Mr. BELROD, who represents Colorado, with a resolution intended to do the business in a summary fashion. In brief, it provides that if the Indians who participated in the White River massacre are not surrendered in thirty days the Ute tribe shall be declared a public enemy, and treated accordingly.

Why, for heaven's sake, is it that when the true cause for the Democratic party to pursue so plain, it is really very questionable whether it will be followed?

Why are our leaders so shabby, shambling, shuffling, and weak-kneed? Consider that great issue of freedom of the polls from military influence, presented in the late election. Had they fought it through to success, it would have been a noble and heroic achievement. The Democracy would have been vindicated, and the nation would have been saved from the direful consequences of the exposure of the Black Hand.

But, oh! they wavered, and quivered, and fled at the first blast from the stately trumpet.

Our leaders bairns bray for an excuse to quit their cowardly set.

The time is short. Set the ball a rolling for us.

G. B.  
New York, Dec. 15.

**PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS.**  
 PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The Democratic newspapers in the interior have, with very few exceptions, taken notice of the condition of the party here, and insisted that something must be done to save the pieces. But what that something is to be is a matter about which very few of them are agreed, and it will probably remain over as a nice puzzle for the State Convention. The *Lancaster Intelligencer* and the *Pittsburgh Post* advise another resort to the town meeting expedient, and that a fresh set of delegates be chosen by the decent Democratic citizens in mass convention, just as the late very respectable city ticket was nominated. There ought certainly to be a few more delegates. It would take an ordinary committee, perhaps, six weeks to hear and decide with any sort of intelligence the contests already broken, and with County Committee delegates add to the list, the job would grow into interesting proportions.

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